(e) Daily inspection of the basic facilities such as toilets, sanitary & water supply fittings, conveyor belts, liefts, passenger boarding bridges, fans & light fittings etc. is carried out to keep them in order.

Construction of bays at Hyderabad airport

3196. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airport Authority of India has taken up construction of six bays at Hyderabad and four bays at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been set to complete these Bays;

(d) if so, the detials thereof;

(e) the reason for putting Visakhapatnam airport in Phase-II to develop it to the world class standards; and

(f) by when the Visakhapatnam airport is going to get its facelift?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) At Hyderabad airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has completed expansion of the existing main apron to provide two additional bays and also the strengthening and expansion of apron near the old terminal building to provide five additional bays for parking of AB-320/AB-321 type of aircraft in April, 2006. At Vishakhapatnam airport, AAI has undertaken construction of new apron with associated taxiways for parking of five wide-bodied and one AB-320 type of aircraft. The probable date of completion is December, 2006.

(e) Development/upgradation of airports is an ongoing process depending upon airport-specific traffic requirements, availability of land, resources etc. and is undertaken in phases taking into consideration various factors involved. Vishakhapatnam airport has been placed in phase-II development of Non-Metro airports on the basis of feasibility study conducted by the consultants.

(f) June, 2007.

Guidelines for Bangalore airport project

3197. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to upgrade Bangalore Airport into a

Greenfield, Corporate, Joint Sector Airport, built and managed to international standards through the National Fund for Airport Development;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that implementation of the project is held up on account of the delay in framing certain rules and guidelines pertaining to Advance Development Fee (ADF) and modalities for passing on of the fee collected etc.; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and steps taken to expedite framing of the rules/guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Mandatory checking of aircrafts

3198. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that these days Indian Airlines and Air India aircrafts are not checked properly before flying most particularly on 15th April, 2006;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that recently some tyre pieces of such aircrafts were found at Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(c) the reasons for not taking action for proper checking of the aircrafts and persons responsible for such negligences;

(d) what action is being taken against them; and

(e) the total number of air passengers for Indian Airlines and Air India suffered loss due to these negligences and how the flights were delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir, All aircraft are maintained under Approval System where DGCA accords approval to a firm on complying with the requirements of manpower, literature and infrastructure. The maintenance programs of the aircraft are approved